



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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Per
Cap update:
The next Revenue
Sharing Payment amounts
are \$836.34 for citizens 18
to 54 and \$1672.69 to elders
age 55 and older. They will
be distributed by Tues-
day, December 15th.

Casino Board Meeting!
The next Casino Open
Board meetings are
scheduled for
December 11th in the
Grand River Room.
The meeting
starts at 4 p.m.

Burger Promoted!

National Indian
Health Board

Former Tribal Health Clinic Director Jessica Burger has been promoted to Deputy Director of the National Indian Health Board.
More details will be in the next Currents.



INFORMATION SHARING ENVIRONMENT

LaPorte on DC project!

Public Safety Director Joseph LaPorte has accepted an invitation to work in Washington on temporary duty as the first tribal representative on the federally managed Interagency Threat Assessment Coordination Group (ITACG). The U.S. Department of Homeland Security sponsors the ITACG, which is detailed to the National Counterterrorism Center. The ITACG provides advice, counsel, and subject matter expertise to the national Intelligence Community regarding the operations of state, local and tribal officials, including how such entities use terrorism-related information to fulfill their counterterrorism responsibilities and to protect their communities. See the full release in the next Currents.



Township acknowledges tribal grant.

Manistee Township (where Casino/Resort is located) has sent out tax information to residents and in it thanks LRBOI for a Revenue Sharing Grant that allowed them to upgrade a Tanker Fire Truck and replace a 30-year old vehicle. Thanks for recognizing our contribution Manistee Township!

Warriors Society updates:



Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660

Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	1 opening
Natural Resource	1 opening
Binojeeuk	4 openings

All other commission seats available have been filled.

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office. Thanks

Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.

Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 2 cartons (20 packs) per Tribal member while tax-exempt supply lasts.

THE TRIBES ANNUAL QUOTA OF TAX-EXEM CIGARETTES ARE ALMOST GONE. TAX-EXEMPT CIGARETTES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2010.



United Way Kickoff!

Just before Thanksgiving, the casino resort kicked off their United Way Campaign and this last week the tribal government started theirs. Past participants will be receiving renewal forms soon. Those who would like to join the campaign should contact Jason Verheek or Glenn Zaring. For more information, here is the UW Manistee website: <http://www.uwmanistee.org/>

(Kateri Circle)

Life, the circle, a measurement with no beginning and no end."

--Phillip Deere, MUSKOGEE-CREEK

The circle teaches us how the Creator made things and how to live. It teaches us how we should look at creation. Life travels in a circle. In the East is the baby, to the South is the youth, in the West is the adult and in the North is the Elder. Then we return to the Earth Mother to start the cycle again. We observe what is 'around us' from the center of the circle. This develops our point of view. We must be careful not to become self-centered. Great Spirit, let me observe life from the circle's point of view.

Beneficiary Forms: The Enrollment Department would like to remind all Tribal Members who have not filled out a Beneficiary form or a PerCap Beneficiary form needs to contact our office. Please remember that these forms have to be notarized. There are still some Tribal Members who need to update their addresses. If you have moved, are moving in the near future or know someone who has moved please contact our office to update the address. This form has to be notarized as well.

Payment Delays. It has come to the attention of the Enrollment Department that there have been a number of situations whereby access to Per Capita and Bereavement Benefit payments have been hindered because of the individual who is listed as the beneficiary. The cause of the problem has been due to the listing of a minor child as the beneficiary. The Enrollment Department is recommending that if you currently have a minor child listed as the beneficiary on either your Per Capita or Bereavement Benefit form that you may want to consider changing that person to an adult to eliminate any future problems associated with the distribution of those funds on your behalf.

Tribal Directories are now available at the Enrollment Department. A written request must be submitted if you would like one mailed to you or they can also be picked up at our office. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. We can be contacted by calling Diane A. Lonn at (231) 398-6712, Jessica Wissner at (231) 398-6713, or Laurie Willis at (231) 398-6720.

Government Organization meeting.

On Friday, key staff and elected leaders met in the Dome Room to jointly present and review the findings of the workgroups who are studying the structure of the government and how to improve it for the benefit of tribal citizens. [Look for a full article in the January Currents.](#)

Anishinaabemowin at MAPS. Tribal Language instructor Kenny Pheasant has begun a language class at Manistee High School today. He will be teaching one (1) class per day, each week. This will be a regular class offered at the high school, much like Spanish. Classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 2:00 till 3:15, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:07 till 3:15 every week

Be-Da/Bin and Education Talent Show. There's still time to get in on the Talent Show for our Elders taking place on December 5th. Please see the flyer below and join in the fun.

Traditional Healer scheduled: December 15th, J.D. Gibson, Traditional Healer will be in Manistee. To make an appointment, please contact Julie Wolfe at 231.398.6632.



Come and Join us for Our Monthly Peacemaking talking circle



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There will not be a Talking Circle for Peacemaking in December due to the holiday schedule.



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This information is subject to change without prior notice. This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 9-30-09. If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule. Court Docket. The latest Tribal Court Docket is shown below. If you have questions concerning the Court activity, please contact them directly.
Hearing Key Code

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation
DM - Divorce with children
EB - Election Board Appeal
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment
GM - Guardianship of Minor
JV - Juvenile
NC - Name Change
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support
DO - Divorce w/o children
EM - Emancipation of Minor
GA - Gaming Appeal
GR - Employment Matter
LT - Landlord Tenant
PF - Probate
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket
EA - Enrollment Appeal
FJ - Foreign Judgment
GC - General Civil
JC - Judicial Complaint
NA - Neglect Abuse
PPO - Personal Protection Order
WC - Workmen's Compensation

Monday, December 7, 2009; Judge Bailey

11:00 a.m. 09227DM - Smith v. Smith Pretrial

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting for all court personnel

Monday, December 14, 2009; Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m. 09224CT - J. Hanson Show Cause

11:00 a.m. 09119DM - Gabourie v. Gabourie Final Divorce

1:30 p.m. 08189TM - Tribe v. Stone Probation Viol.

2:00 p.m. 09257GM - Guardianship Closed Hearing

Thursday, December 17, 2009; Judge Sherigan

9:00 a.m. 09053NA - Neglect Abuse Closed Hearing

10:00 a.m. 09234GC - Guenthardt v. Tribe Pretrial

Monday, December 21, 2009; Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m. 09151GA - Cooper v. Tribe Motion Hearing

2:00 p.m. 09141CO - Stone, Josh Show Cause

2:45 p.m. 09242DO - Balwinski v. Balwinski Pretrial

3:00 p.m. 09204DO - Bean v. Bean Final Divorce

HAPPY HOLIDAYS: THE TRIBAL COURT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS.

YouthBuild Manistee.

Northwest Michigan Works! is expanding the YouthBuild program to include Manistee/Benzie, Traverse City, and Beaver Island. A national program, YouthBuild trains high school drop-out youth, ages 18 to 24, in the construction trades. Hands-on learning takes place in building affordable housing within the community. The youth spend 50% of their time on academics -- obtaining a high school diploma or preparing for the GED. For more information or an application form contact David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist (ext 6842). Link for more information: <http://www.nwm.org/youthbuild.asp>

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:

The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com.

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.